

SESSION SEVEN, 27 OCTOBER 2009

China-Burma-India; India: Viceroy, FM Lord Wavell; Congress Party, Mahatma Gandhi;
China, Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek; Madame: Soong May-ling; Soong Sisters: Soong Ching-ling (Mme Sun Yat Sen); Soong Ai-ling (Mme H.H. Kung); Kuomintang (KMT); V. K. Wellington Koo, Ambassador to U.S. Cairo Conference (SEXTANT 22-26 Nov. 1943),
Communist Party: Mao Zedong (Mao Tse Tung); Zhou Enlai; Yan'an (Yennan)

South East Asia Command (SEAC, Sep. 1943), ADM Lord Louis Mountbatten; deputy Gen. Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell;

Japanese Burma Area Army (LGen. Masakazu Kawabe), 15th Army;
 Subhas Chandra Bose, Indian National Army;
 Front Line Bay of Bengal to Himalayas; Burma Road/Ledo Road. The "Hump"
 Brig. Orde Wingate, "Chindits" (Jan. 43); BGen Frank Merrill, Merrill's Marauders;"
 Arakan Offensives; 1943-44
 UK 14th Army, Oct. 1943, LGen. **William Slim** (later Viscount Slim); Japanese Imphal Offensive (March-June 1944); Imphal, Kohima battles. Burma Offensive

VICTORY IN EUROPE: Quebec Conference August 1943; Teheran Conference, November 1943
 Planning OVERLORD: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEP) Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Walter Bedell Smith, CoS; Air Chief Marshal Arthur Tedder; ADM Bertram Ramsay (Allied Naval Forces); RADM Alan Kirk (Western Naval TF.);

Normandy: FM Bernard L. Montgomery (21st Army Group) LGen. Omar Bradley (1st US Army); MGen Joseph Lawton Collins (VII Corps; **Utah Beach**, 359th RCT [Regimental Combat Team], 4th Div. 23,250 men); MGen Leonard T. Gerow (US V Corps, **Omaha Beach**, 2nd, 5th Ranger battalions; 1st Div., 29th Div., 34,250 men) 82nd Airborne, MGen. Matthew Ridgeway; 101st Airborne Div. MGen. Maxwell Taylor; British 2nd Army, LGen Sir Miles Dempsey; XXX Corps, **Gold Beach**; I Corps, **Juno** (3rd Canadian Div.) & **Sword Beach**; 6th Airborne.

Pas de Calais: (Fictitious) U.S. 1st Army Group, Army, LGen George Patton – LGen Lesley McNair
 German Atlantic Wall. FM Gerd von Rundstedt, Army Group West; FM Erwin Rommel, Army Group B, 15th & 7th Armies; Panzer Group West in Reserve; Army Group G, south of Loire.
 [German Army 1944: 59 divs. France, Belgium Netherlands; 157 divs. Eastern Front (most half strength); 6, Finland; 12, Norway, 6 Denmark, 9 Germany, 21 Balkans, 26, Italy]

D-DAY 6 JUNE 1944: Normandy - 5th June weather problems
 Airborne and Beach Landings; Utah Beach; Paratroops (LT Elvy B. Roberts (later LGen USA) and Poupeville; Omaha Beach and Point du Hoc.
 Naval gunfire support. US CAs *Augusta*, *Tuscaloosa*, *Quincy* (new), BBs *Nevada*; *Texas*, *Arkansas*, 24 DDs (4 lost); also British, French and Dutch warships.
 Beachhead Established, 6-7 June
 MULBERRY breakwaters, logistics
 US Buildup: 8 June, 2nd & 90th infantry divs., 10 June, 2nd Armored; 12 June, 9th; 14 June 79th; 16 June 30th; "Great Storm" 18-19 June; 21 June, 83rd; 22 June, 3rd Armored; Canadian II Corps LGen Guy Simonds

PROJECTION OF U.S. POWER, JUNE 1944: In Pacific, Invasion of Mariana Islands 13-June: Saipan 16 June-9 July; Battle of Philippine Sea 19-20 June (ADM Spruance, 5th Fleet, "Great Marianas Turkey Shoot"); Tinian, Guam (July 21-8 August)

Battle of Normandy to 24 July: Cherbourg (27 June); bocage (hedgerows), St. Lo (18 July), Caen;
 Hitler 6 July replaces Rundstedt with FM Gunther von Kluge; 17 July Rommel wounded.
 East Prussia 20 July 1944 Officers' Plot to assassinate Hitler fails.
 Battle of Normandy 25-31 July: Operation **Cobra**: Bradley, 1st US Army, VIII Corps, MGen Troy Middleton; Coutances (28 July); Avranches (31 July);
 1 August: Bradley, Army Group 12, 1st Army LGen Courtney Hodges; 3rd Army, LGen George Patton; British 21st Army Group, Montgomery. British 2nd Army; Canadian 1st Army 23 July, Gen. Henry D. G. Crerar, II Canadian Corps & I Corps, plus Brit. 1 & XXX, Polish 1st Armored
 Brittany, VIII Corps; St. Malo; 3 Sept. 9th US Army LGen William Simpson, Brest
 Patton to LeMans; German counterattack, 7th & 5th Panzer Armies, reinforced from Pas de Calais; Battle of Mortain, 7-13 Aug.; Battle of **Falaise Pocket** 13-22 Aug; 17 Aug., FM Walther Model replaces Kluge. 24 August, Liberation of Paris.

OPERATION ANVIL-DRAGOON: 15 Aug. 1944. 6TH Army Group, LGen Jacob Devers; 7th US Army, LGen

Alexander Patch (VI Corps, Truscott, 3rd, 36th, 45th divs. 1st French Army, Gen Jean de Lattre de Tassigny; 95,000 in a few days; German 19th Army withdrew.

Quebec Conference II (Octagon), 12-16 September 1944; FDR, Churchill; Morgenthau Plan (Henry Morgenthau, US Sec. Treasury); Post War Europe, Occupation of Germany; Pacific War future.

Aerial Bombardment of Germany 1944-1945

Liberation of France, advance to German frontier. (Aachen, Hürtgen Forest, Lorraine)

Operation Market Garden (A Bridge Too Far) 17-25 Sept.: Eindhoven (101st Airborne, Taylor), Nijmegen (82nd Airborne, MGen James Gavin; Arnhem (Brit 1st Airborne Div.).

Italy, June-December 1944 (July, 7 divs. to Anvil-Dragoon) US 5th Army, Brit. 8th Army; July-Aug. **Gothic Line** (Apennines south of La Spezia to north of Pesaro)

Eastern Front: Soviets to Vistula River; Polish Underground Army Warsaw Uprising; Soviet Autumn Offensives: Baltic States, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria.

Finland: Continuation War 1941-44; Marshal Baron Carl Gustaf Mannerheim; Moscow Armistice, 19 Sept. 1944; "Lapland War" vs. Germans, Sept. 1944-April 1945

Winter 1944-45: Allied Order of Battle: 21st Army Group, Montgomery; Brit. 2nd Army, 1st Canadian Army; US 12th Army Group, Bradley; 9th Army, Simpson; 1st Army, Hodges; 3rd Army, Patton; 6th Army Group, Devers; 7th Army, Patch; French First Army, de Lattre de Tassigny

BATTLE OF THE BULGE, 16 December 1944-January 1945; Oberkommando Wehrmacht (OKW) Adolf Hitler; FM Wilhelm Keitel, Gen. Alfred Jodl; German Army West, Rundstedt; Army Group B, Model; 15th Army, Gustav-Adolf von Zangen; 5th Panzer Army, Gen. Hasso von Manteuffel; 6th Panzer Army, SS Obergruppenführer Sepp Dietrich; 7th Army, Gen. Erich Brandenberger; US 1st Army: US front line 99th Div; 2nd Div., 106th Div; 28th Div; 9th Armored); Malmédy Massacre, Col. Joachim Peiper

Bastogne 101st Airborne; BGen Anthony McAuliffe; Maj. Elvy B. Roberts (later LGen USA); Allied Counterattacks: 3rd Army, Patton,

Eastern Front January 1945: Soviet Offensive into Germany

Yalta Conference (4-11 February 1945): FDR, Churchill, Stalin: Poland and Eastern Europe; Japan

Western Allies cross Rhine: March 1945, Bridge at **Remagen**; Ruhr; Offensive in **Italy**

Death of FDR, 12 April 1945; Harry Truman, President (reaction of Joseph Goebbels)

Death of Mussolini, 27 April 1945; Milan display; German surrender in Italy, 1 May (von Vietinghoff)

Suicide of Hitler, 30 April; Goebbels, 1 May: ADM Dönitz Reichspräsident.

Fall of Berlin, 2 May; mass surrenders; Prague uprising 4 May

V-E Day 8 May 1945. Nuremberg Trials and others; denazification.

Potsdam Conference (16 July - 2 Aug. 1945): Stalin, Truman, Churchill (to 26 July); Clement Attlee (from 27 July)

WAR WITH JAPAN, August 1944-14/15 August 1945, Formal Surrender ½ September 1945.

Strategy Differences, Gen. MacArthur & ADM Nimitz. Liberation of the Philippines or Formosa Admiralty Islands.

Palau Islands and Peleliu, 15 Sept - 27 Nov. 1945

Leyte Invasion, 20 October 1944: Gen. MacArthur, 6th Army, LGen Walter Krueger

Battle of Leyte Gulf, 23-26 October. East Indies-based Japanese Fleet, ADM Takeo Kurita; Home-based, ADM Jisaburo Ozawa. U.S. U.S. Third Fleet, ADM Halsey; US 7th Fleet, VADM Thomas Kinkaid; Palawan Passage, 23 Oct. US submarines; Sibuyan Sea 23 Oct (USS *Intrepid*, Japanese BB *Musashi*); Surigao Strait, 24 Oct. (RADM Jesse Oldendorf, USS *Pennsylvania*, *California*, *Tennessee*, *West Virginia*, *Maryland*, *Mississippi*) vs Japanese Southern Force, 2 BBs; San Bernardino Strait, Samar Island ("Taffies"; TU 7.4.3 "Taffy 3" RADM Clifton Sprague, 3 CVEs; loss *Gambier Bay*, DDs *Hoey & Heerman*, DE *Samuel B. Roberts*) vs Kurita's Central Force 4 BBs, 8 CAs, DDs. Cape Engaño, TF 38 (VADM Marc Mitscher; 5 CVs, 5 CVLs; TF 34, VADM Willis Lee, BBs *New Jersey*, *Iowa*, *Alabama*, *Massachusetts*, *South Dakota*, *Washington*).

Recommended Readings. Stephen Ambrose, *D-Day*; *Band of Brothers*; *Citizen Soldiers* (all have outstanding bibliographies); Charles MacDonald, *Mighty Endeavor* (US Army, European Theater), *Time for Trumpets* (Battle of the Bulge); Cornelius Ryan, *The Longest Day* (D-Day); Samuel Eliot Morison, *New Guinea and the Marianas*; *Leyte* (vols VIII & XII of *History of U.S. Naval Operations in World War II*); Evan Thomas, *Sea of Thunder* (Battle of Leyte Gulf)

Nov. 3: 1. World War II Veteran Classmates Speak; 2. End of Pacific War and a Troubled Peace